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1. During the past week /28 Oct - 3 Nov 53/ 65,620 bags of coffee were exported to US Pacific Coast, East Coast and Gulf Ports, and to Canada. From the interior 69,210 bags moved down into port and stocks now total 67,352 bags.
2. Heavy rains continue and the condition of the highway has been considerably impaired; however, the normal flow of traffic has not been affected. The railroad so far has given satisfactory service (though there was a traffic interruption of 12 hours on the railroad between Cali and Buenaventura on 2 Nov 53). Movement from interior to port remains normal and since warehouse conditions are excellent, stock reception at the port is very good.
3. During the week /4 - 10 Nov 53/ eight ships called and lifted 65,906 bags of coffee for US Pacific, Gulf and East Coast ports, as well as Europe. From the interior 66,349 bags moved down into port and stocks now total 60,010 bags.
4. Export warehouses remain less than 60% full and there have been no delays in the discharge of boxcars and trucks. According to reports from Medellin, there is acute congestion at Puerto Berrío and as a result a larger portion of the November commitments for that area will be shipped through Buenaventura in preference to Barranquilla. Heavy rains continue but have not retarded to any great extent port operations and transport services between the port and Cali.

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